

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 31 are pending, with Claims 1, 9, 27, 29, 30, and 31 being independent. Claims 1, 9, 27, 28, 29, and 30 have been amended. Claim 31 has been added.

Claims 1 through 30 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 over newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 6,476,821 B2 (Sawada, et al.), taken alone or in combination with previously-cited U.S. Patent Nos. 6,049,316 (Nolan, et al.) and 6,018,332 (Nason, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 9, 27, 29, and 30 recite, inter alia, that a plurality of pictures from a respective plurality of signal sources are displayed in a respective plurality of display windows, wherein the plurality of signal sources are separate apparatuses, in combination with notifying as claimed.

Claim 31 recites, inter alia, a display for displaying a signal from the first signal source (communicating with the display) in a first display window out of a plurality of display windows on a single screen and displaying a signal from a second signal source (communicating with the display) in a second display window out of the plurality of display windows, the second display window being different from the first display window, with the first signal source receiving display attributes information of the first display window that is notified from the display.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that none of Sawada, et al., Nolan, et al., and Nason, et al., even in the proposed combinations, assuming, arguendo, that the documents could

be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1, 9, 27, 29, 30, and 31.

The Official Action relies, inter alia, upon Sawada, et al. Fig. 19 that shows windows; however, Applicant respectfully submits that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Sawada, et al. provides either a description or a suggestion of the plurality of windows or first and second windows that display signals from the signal sources as discussed above.


It is also respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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